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SUBJ: SOFTER SOVIET PRESS LINE ON EGYPT

1. WITH RECENT TURNS IN EGYPT'S RELATIONS WITH LIBYA AND US, SOVIETS SEEM TO BE TAKING SLIGHTLY MORE POSITIVE VIEW OF EGYPTIAN DEVELOPMENTS. IN JULY 22 SUNDAY FOREIGN AFFAIRS WRAP-UP AND IN JULY 24 COMMENTARY ON SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE, PRAVDA PUT WARMER GLOSS ON JAFEZ ISMAIL TALK WITH BREZHNEV JULY 13, OMITTING THE EARLIER CHARACTERIZATION OF IT AS FRIENDLY AND FRANK. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIA JULY 23 RAN LONG ARTICLES LAUDING EGYPTAIN REVOLUTION AND EGYPTAIN-SOVIET COOPERATION. SOVIET PRESS TREATMENT OF LIBYAN-EGYPTAIN TROUBLES HAS TAKEN PRO-EGYPT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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2. ALL THIS MAY INDICATE SOVIET SATISFACTION WITH COURSE OF EVENTS IN EGYPT SINCE HAFEZ'S RETURN FROM MOSCOW. FROM SOVIET POINT OF VIEW,

EGYPT'S PROBLEM WITH LIBYA IS A CONFRONTATION DEVOUTLY TO BE
WISHED. PRESUMABLY MOSCOW ALSO WELCOMES ANY INCREASE IN EGYPTAIN-US
FRICTION. SO FAR, HOWEVER, AFTERGLOS OF BREZHNEV VISIT SEEMS TO HAVE
ADDED AND UNCHARACTERISTIC NOTE OF CAUTION TO SOVIET PRESS HANDLING
OF PROBLEMS BETWEEN EGYPT AND US. FOR EXAMPLE, PRAVDA COMMENTARY
ON SC DEBATE DID NOT REFER TO US, EITHER DIRECTLY OF INDIRECTLY;
AND TASS REPORT ON SADAT JULY 23 SPEECH CONVEYED NONE OF HEART OF
SADAT'S ATTACK ON US.
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